

Project Vetting Form
PROJECT NAME: Statewide Commission Project

DATE BEFORE THE COMMISSION: March 24, 2014

PROJECT NAME: Statewide project for Commissions on the Status of Women

PROJECT PARTNERS: 15-20 Commissions on the Status of Women in CA

TOTAL BUDGET ASK FROM COMMISSION: Unknown at this time

STAFF TIME: Unknown at this time

PROJECT SUMMARY: Local Commissions on the Status of Women (CWs) are asking the CA Commission to host either a statewide conference for women or convene a project that would unite local commissions in the same effort for a year. Dozens of potential foci have been proposed, but the universal theme/desire is for the State Commission to orchestrate a statewide initiative that local CWs can join.

COMMISSION'S ROLE/PARTICIPATION: The State Commission would be responsible for coordinating statewide efforts on a given project or conference to focus CWs across California. This may include everything from providing staff time and travel to providing funds for materials for the project.

POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE ISSUE(S): The State Commission has currently contacted every CW active in California to get a sense of their goals and projects for 2014-15. Staff is in the process of synthesizing that information for Commissioners to review. With approximately 20 CWs ranging from San Francisco's with a \$4.6 million budget and over 10 staff to an all-volunteer, no budget Commission in Ventura there is the opportunity to mobilize hundreds if not thousands of women across the state for a single-focused project. With this much force, the Commission may be able to move the needle on a targeted political issue.

COMMUNITY BUILD-UP/BACKING: Of the dozen CWs the E.D. has met with, this is the universal request. There is strong backing for this project.

OTHER PLAYERS: CWs across California

NOTE: The Commissioners are asked to think about what they would like the focus of this project to be if they vote to select this as a work product for the Commission. This is an opportunity to forward a single political issue in an amazingly powerful way. Staff would appreciate their guidance.

Suggestions: Reintegration of former state/local inmates back into the community

Reduction of trafficking of foster youth

Sexual Harassment/Teen Dating Violence issues